



WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 30, 1908.

LYDIA KINGDELL COMMANDER, author of several works on race suicide, startled the delegates in attendance on the meeting of the American Sociological Society in Atlantic City yesterday by her insistence that women and not men are really responsible for the tremendous industrial activity of the present day. Among other things she said:

Man's natural instinct in ages gone was that of war and not of work, which with him is simply an acquired characteristic. The self-supporting woman of today is the woman who is best serving the larger interest of the family. Woman has always worked and always will work. Among primitive peoples it was the woman who was the worker, while the man was the fighter. It was the woman who tilled the fields and fashioned the pottery, while the man, who preferred the hoe to the warclub, was despised and called a 'woman man.' Women have taught men to work, but they have not yet taught them how to do it. The next great task of women is to retake the industrial world. She must teach man that healthy, happy, noble-minded people are of more importance than sky-scrapers, steel mills and factories before she can bring back the gospel of the family being the real basis of modern growth.

In direct opposition to the stand taken by Mrs. Commander, Professor U. G. Weatherly, of the University of Indiana, declared that the present trend toward allowing women to work, either before or after marriage, is contributing greatly to social unrest and even contributing to the growth of divorce. As is often the case, we must pay our money and take our choice.

In the year from October 1, 1907, to October 1, 1908, according to the report of the secretary of commerce, 724,112 foreigners came to this country and 717,814 foreigners left the shores. This shows a gain of 6,298 for the year. It also shows that America is no longer the attractive land it used to be for home-seekers. They come hither in crowds during the spurts of industrial activity and labor, and take their wages and go away. They cannot afford to stay. It is a land of plenty. There is great store of cattle, cotton and corn; but the cost of living has been put out of the reach of men and women of slender means. As well says the Philadelphia Record, "labor is 'protected' here to such an extent that the laborer finds it cheaper to live where he is not protected so much. We have run our theory into the ground, and we are just waking up to the extent of our folly."

VARIOUS estimates are made of the dead in the earthquake in Italy. The naval commander in charge of the relief work places the number at 85,000; Reuters' correspondents at 100,000; Premier Giolitti's representatives at 100,000; government officials at from 60,000 to 125,000, while some correspondents place the list of dead as high as 200,000, but this figure is believed to be entirely too high. It is generally admitted that the earthquake was more disastrous to human life than any that heretofore occurred in the world's history.

It has leaked out in connection with the orders of certain railroads for 185,000 tons of rails that after secret negotiations the steel rail makers of the Pittsburgh district have finally consented to supply the rails at \$28 a ton while permitting the inspectors of the railroads to be present at all times during the process and to determine how much shall be cut off the top of the leg from which rails are to be cast. The concession came when it was learned that the railroads had begun negotiations with foreign makers.

REPORT comes from Washington that wood pulp placed on the free list and the reduction of the duty on steel 50 per cent constitute the principal points in the new tariff law to be enacted at the special session of Congress to be called soon after the inauguration of Mr. Taft as president. This is a good starter but the reduction in the tariff should by no means be allowed to stop at this.

ABRAHAM RUFF, former political boss of San Francisco, was yesterday sentenced to fourteen years in the state penitentiary at San Quentin. This it is hoped will end the career of one of the most impudent and notorious grafters with which a community was ever infested.

### From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, Dec. 30. According to the plan for the White House New Year's day reception, which were perfected today, the event promises to be the most notable during the entire Roosevelt administration. Additional interest attaches to it, from the fact that it will be the last event of its kind in which President Roosevelt will appear as the central figure. Miss Ebel who on last New Year's day was leading the young folks' dance on the upper floor, while the elaborate ceremony was in progress, will, on Friday, be among the distinguished party of ladies "behind

### News of the Day.

The savings banks of New York are about to pay \$20,000,000 in interest due depositors.

Wright made another astonishing flight in Paris today in his aerodrome, a great circle at a high altitude for one hour fifty three minutes and covering fifty eight miles.

Miss Ollie Patton, granddaughter of the late Gen. W. S. Patton, a Confederate officer and past grand master of Mississippi Masons, married a Chinese man at Meridian Sunday.

The American Historical Association had its final session in Washington yesterday, preparatory to proceeding to Richmond, where it met jointly last night with the American Political Science Association.

Veterans of the civil war will become extinct in 1950, according to Past Commander G. F. Bassett. There will be 347 veterans alive in 1930," he said, "and 10 years later the number will be reduced to 23. The last survivor will die in 1950. This is the conclusion of men who are competent to estimate the length of human life."

The total annual outlay for fire in the United States is about \$600,000,000, according to F. W. Fitzpatrick, executive officer of the International Society of State and Municipal Building Commissioners and Inspectors. A large portion of this loss, he believes, could be readily prevented if a little care and foresight are exercised in the construction of buildings.

While distributing circulars announcing a sermon on "Death and hell defied" would be preached at an evangelistic meeting at Pythian Temple on Sunday next, Henry H. Brown, forty-six years old, a retired optician, living at 2302 Decatur place northwest, dropped dead at North Capital and P streets yesterday evening. Mr. Brown, who was a well-known business man in Washington for more than fifteen years, recently retired and took up religious work.

Sanor Castro, of Venezuela, left the hospital and returned to the Esplanade Hotel in Berlin yesterday afternoon. When asked if there was any truth in the statement published in various newspapers to the effect that he left Venezuela knowing what was going to happen, he said: "No; for I had never suspected such a thing I would have remained in Venezuela even had my life been imperiled through ill health, because I have always been and am now the slave to honor and duty. The only fear I have is the fear of God."

Another case of acid throwing was reported last night, this time in the Southwestern district in Baltimore. Shortly after 8 o'clock Miss Christina Gross, of 36 Garrison Lane, left home to visit friends at the home of Mr. George Merkle, 83 Wilkens street, and while passing a lot on Wilkens street, opposite the Eigenbrodt Brewery some unknown man threw a quantity of carbolic acid in her face. A peculiar circumstance is that she did not feel the burn until she had been some time in the house of the person she was visiting.

Thirty-five men and boys, mostly residents of Elliott City, Md., were seriously injured yesterday afternoon by the collapse of the second floor in Easton's Hall, on Church street, in that place. When the floor gave way over one hundred persons were precipitated to the lower floor, but most of these were unhurt. The accident occurred while William Hatwood, colored, was being arraigned before Justice Wallenhorst on the charge of assaulting Mr. Charles E. Hill, a few days ago. The work of rescue was carried on by willing hands, and some of the injured were sent to Baltimore for surgical treatment.

### Virginia News.

Robbers Monday night blew open the postoffice safe at Coeburn, Wise county, secured \$250 in cash and \$400 in stamps and escaped.

The residence of Thomas Baker, Spotsylvania county, was burned Monday night while the family was at an entertainment at a neighbor's house.

William Ashby Pingley, a former clerk in the Agricultural Department at Washington, died at his home in Winchester yesterday from consumption, aged 45.

Miss Fannie Fry, of Washington, and Mr. James Henry Scroggins, of Manassas, were married in Rockville, Md., yesterday by Rev. S. R. White, of the Baptist Church.

The Court of Appeals will open its winter term in Richmond on Tuesday. Opinions in a number of cases which have been argued and submitted will be handed down on the first opinion day of the term.

Miss Serena Finney, daughter of Colonel Finney, who owns a handsome estate in Powhatan county was the victim of an embarrassing mistake in Richmond yesterday when she was arrested on a crowded street car, the presumption being that she was a black-mailer whom the detective had been following. The girl was, however, quickly released upon having some of her friends identify her.

Reports of a coal mine disaster at Lick Branch, Va., reached Roanoke last night. Between forty and sixty men are said to have been imprisoned. A general office of the Norfolk and Western Railway in Roanoke, says that fourteen men have been taken out of the mine and that four of this number are dead. It is now practically settled that 50 miners were at work in the mine when the explosion occurred, and that there yet remain 36 in the death pit. The rescue work is very slow. The damage to the mine is reported to be great.

Allge Confession of Murderer.

New York, Dec. 30.—While John Breitlag raving on a cot, his step daughter, Bena, aged 16, today told the police a vivid story of the anguish of her step father, tormented by hallucinations previous to his arrest. Bena told the police her step father's cries had awakened her repeatedly during the night. On one occasion he shrieked: 'My God, here she is.' Another time he threw up his hands in supplication and exclaimed: 'Please stay down there. Don't come here any more.' Breitlag is said to have confessed to the police that he murdered his wife because of his mad passion for her daughter. He was arraigned in the Adams street court today and held without bail.

### Today's Telegraphic News

#### Appalling Loss of Life.

Rome, Dec. 30.—The public here, after comparing the various and confusing reports that are constantly coming in from the stricken region, has set down to the belief that fully 100,000 people were killed by the earthquake of Monday, the tidal wave and subsequent disasters, and that thousands more are doomed to die more terrible deaths in the chaos that now engulfs many towns on both sides of the strait and in the interior.

Messages received today from the warships at Messina say the rescuers are utterly swamped and that it will require days to effect anything like an adequate relief system.

The refugees are thickly scattered for leagues in every direction. Before the work of relief can in any great measure meet the needs of the people, it seems certain the weaker element of the population—mostly the children and old people—will fall by hundreds from hunger and exposure.

The gravest anxiety is felt as to whether the authorities will be able to keep the survivors from starving. In many places the food supplies have been completely destroyed and it will be several days before it will be able to reach some of the points of greatest destitution.

The searchers are everywhere finding groups of survivors huddled together with their dead. Hundreds of persons, without food for forty-eight hours and almost naked, have been found in ditches and hedges, some of them still clinging to their dead. Their sufferings have driven many of these insane. Mothers have been found still carrying their dead babies and themselves burning with fever, racked with coughs and speechless from cold and terror.

No news has been received up to this hour from any of the Americans who were in Messina.

Great stretches of the Sicilian and Calabrian shores are gradually sinking into the sea, according to the naval commander. It is to this fact that he attributes the engulfing of Reggio.

Fires are still raging in many of the ruined towns, according to the advice received by the ministry of marine. In Messina the fires were got under control last evening.

The pope, almost prostrated, and that his place is with the sufferers, and were it not for the positive warning of his doctors that such a trip would prove fatal, he would leave the Vatican at once. The pope is spending most of the time in prayers for "this afflicted people."

It is now feared that the town of Osnate and Luzzaro, adjacent to Reggio, suffered the same fate as the larger city.

The absence of any direct word from this section of Calabria is the most ominous feature of the situation. Catanzaro, Dec. 30.—A captain of carabinieri who arrived here today from Reggio, says that the sea now covers the city. Not a building was left standing in the town, he says. The lower part of the town is rapidly settling and it is feared that it will drop into the sea.

Salvors who left Messina to investigate conditions in Reggio returned with the information that they found the sea had swallowed it.

Catanzaro, Dec. 30.—Queen Helena personally rescued a child from the ruins of a building in Messina, according to an authentic report this afternoon. Against the remonstrance of the king and their attendants, she entered the ruins, which were in imminent danger of collapsing, pulled the child from its imperiled position and carried it to a boat that was waiting. After her first break down on arriving in Messina, the queen recovered completely and went along with the other rescuers. Both the king and queen wept at the pictures presented.

The thick layer of mud that covers Messina is still yielding its harvest of dead, according to reports reaching here today. Heaps of dead are piled in the streets and the scenes enacted by the horror-stricken people beggar description. Hundreds who had hoped that their friends and relatives might have escaped have become maddened by the discovery of their loved ones in the mud and debris. Bedlam rules.

Berlin Dec. 30.—Both the German and American Consulate buildings in Messina were wrecked, according to a dispatch received here today via Rome.

Rome, Dec. 30.—The total estimates of the dead, made to the Italian government, place the figures at 125,000. Hundreds are dying today of pneumonia and meningitis. General Fabio Di Casetto has started the burning of bodies on funeral pyres. At least twenty cities are said to be in flames today.

Stromboli has become active and another quake was felt at Palermo. The misery of the victims is heightened by the chilling rains today.

Mount Etna is still uttering rumblings. A contribution of \$10,000 was received today from J. Pierpont Morgan, the American financier.

#### Gloom in "Little Italy."

New York, Dec. 30.—New York's "Little Italy," crushed by the terrible disaster in the mother country, will not hold its usual celebration of the New Year. Instead of the gay tinkling of mandolin and guitar, the bells of the quarter will toll a message of death and sorrow and the new year will be ushered in with Te Deums and solemn masses. Out of the half million Italians living in greater New York about 150,000 are Sicilians, whose dear ones at home lived in the earthquake sections. Frantic with anxiety throngs of weeping men and women are gathered today about the doors of the Italian shipping offices and Italian newspaper offices, hoping against hope to receive some word of the safety of those who waved farewell to them when they sailed from Italy's shores.

#### New York Stock Market

After a moderate recovery in the first fifteen minutes the market suddenly weakened and nearly everything tumbled in a downward movement on which losses ranging from fractions to about 2 points were sustained. There was a great deal of talk about the probable influence in financial circles of the Sicilian disaster. London was a small seller offshoots. The local traction stocks were weak all morning. Bonds strong.

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### The Roanoke Election.

[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] Roanoke, Dec. 30.—The local option election is in progress here today and is being closely contested. B. H. sides are claiming victory, but at 2 o'clock the "wets" were thought to be in the lead.

#### The Hains Trial.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 30.—With all of his witnesses who knew anything about the happenings on the Bayside Yacht Club float August 15 exhausted, John F. McInyre, senior counsel for Thornton Jenkins Hains, continued the introduction of evidence bearing upon Capt. Hains' family troubles and the effect they had upon his mind. This testimony today came from the negro servants who were employed at Fort Hamilton and who had knowledge of the alleged visits of William E. Annis to the Hains quarters.

McInyre got their testimony before the jury by having them swear that, when questioned by the captain, after his return from the Philippines, they told him everything that had happened at his house. Justice Crane interferred time and again to pin the witnesses down to facts, but each time they showed the effects of skillful coaching.

As one of the colored witnesses recited in detail the meetings between Mrs. Hains and Annis, the latter's widow came into the court room and took a seat. She sat bolt upright, a scornful smile on her lips, gazing at the negroes on the stand.

"I told the captain his wife went out with Annis and went to the mountains with him," said the witness. "I told him that she stayed out all night many times with him. I told him that there were many times when the captain had nothing to eat and that I had to wait some times two months for my pay. I told him that while Mrs. Hains and Annis were eating dinner she asked him to go riding with her. He told her he could not, as his wife had asked him to take her to the theatre. Then I told him Mrs. Hains said, 'To hell with your wife, ain't I more to you than her?'" He told her yes, "yes, Claudia, I would go a thousand miles for you, but I promised my wife I would go with her." Mrs. Hains lighted a cigarette and in a few minutes Mr. Annis ran out of the house.

Major John T. Hains, brother of T. J. Hains, was then called.

Major Hains said the captain looked haggard and worn the next day and seemed almost frantic as he paced the room, repeating: "My God, this is awful. This man Annis has ruined my home and driven me mad."

Continuing the major testified: "My brother would repeatedly say to me 'My God, I did everything in God's world for this woman and look what she has brought me to. She was a good woman until Annis met and dragged her down.'"

The defense still has six material witnesses.

The defense will place their experts on the stand to show that Captain Hains was insane.

The prosecution will partially go over the entire case in rebuttal, as a result of the story of Tierney, the sea man, that none of their material witnesses was on the list at the time of the killing. This means that there is little probability of the case getting to the jury before the end of the week.

At 1:40 court adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

#### Relief Fund.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Italian Consul General, Italian chamber of commerce and Italian Red Cross have taken the work of relief in charge. New York newspapers have started funds and contributions are pouring in. Tammany Hall today contributed \$2,000. The Italian Chamber of Commerce is considering the postponement of its annual banquet, planned for February and the appropriation to the relief fund of the money to expended on that occasion, a sum of about \$5,000. Twenty five thousand dollars is said to have been raised in "Little Italy" already.

#### Masked Robbers.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 30.—Six masked robbers held residents of Wellston at bay for three hours today while they thoroughly ransacked the place, dynamited and robbed the bank and escaped with more than \$5,000. Fourteen shots of nitre glycerine were used before the safe and vault were shattered. Although the first blast aroused the whole town, four men standing in front of the bank held the townspeople at bay. Three citizens attempted to fire at the robbers but were driven away. A posse is pursuing them.

#### Miners Buried Under Debris.

Maybury, W. Va., Dec. 30.—The fatalities in the Lick Branch mine as a result of yesterday's explosion will probably reach fifty. At 10 o'clock today mine officials admitted that there are thirty men now buried under the debris. The mine foreman, however, insists that 41 men are still entombed in an old working near the Tug river side of the mine, where the explosion occurred.

#### Murdered by Filipino.

Port Blakely, Wash., Dec. 30.—Armed posse are searching for Jose Nicholas, a Filipino who early today shot and killed Jose Santos, fatally wounded Santos' four-year-old son and then attempted the life of a baby girl. Following a quarrel, Nicholas aimed himself and went to the home of Santos, who was shot down in cold blood before the children were attacked.

#### TELEGRAPHIC BRIVITIES.

It is stated on reliable authority in Augusta, Ga., that there is no foundation for the story that Frank H. Hitchcock has declined to accept the position of postmaster general in the Taft cabinet. President-elect Taft is calling close conferences with Mr. Hitchcock on political and administrative affairs.

The long overdue steamer, the Franca, about which much anxiety has been felt, reached Boston today. She left Fovey, England, on December 1 and should have reached Boston on December 16.

At Lakewood, N. J., Frank Jankowski, a bartender, was shot and instantly killed last night by a burglar whom he sought to capture.

The rumor that Cook's tourist party had been caught in the Sicilian earthquake was denied at the New York office of the agency today.

#### Wholesale Prices of Produce.

Flour Extra	4 50	a 4 25
Family	4 90	a 5 10
Fancy brands	5 40	a 6 10
Wheat, longberry	0 97	a 1 00
Mixed	0 95	a 0 97
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103 Prince	6r	6.00
212 King (office)	2r	20.00
623 S. Patrick	5r	7.00
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### Princesses de Sagan Wins Suit.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Count Boni De Castellane's suit against his former wife, the Princess De Sagan, for the custody of their children was decided today adversely to the plaintiff. Princess De Sagan, formerly Anna Gould, retains the custody of the three boys. Count Boni was in the court room when the decision was announced. With one furious glance at the judge, he flung out of the court room in high dudgeon.